

CHAPTER IX

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

SECTION 9.00 (Department established). There shall be in the city a police department, of which the mayor shall have such control and supervision as is not vested by law in the police civil service commission and of which department he shall be the chief executive officer and head. Said department shall consist of a chief of police and such patrolmen as from time to time may be authorized by the common council. All members of said department shall be appointed by the mayor. In the event the police civil service commission shall at any time be abolished, the powers of such commission shall be exercised by the common council and the department shall operate under rules and regulations established by the common council.

SECTION 9.01. (Citizenship required). Any person to be eligible to appointment in the police department shall be a citizen of the United States, shall be able to read and write the English language, and shall not have been convicted of a felony.

SECTION 9.02. (Chief of Police). The chief of police shall possess the powers of the constable at common law and under the statutes of this state. He shall have ability to pursue and arrest, in the city or beyond the limits thereof, or in any part of the state, any person charged with or who has committed any violation of any state law or ordinance of the city, and the violation of any city ordinance shall be deemed a public offense.

SECTION 9.03. (Prohibitions). Any member of the police department who shall accept, directly or indirectly, from any person while in his custody or after discharge, any gratuity or reward, or any kind of food, refreshment or intoxicating drink; or who shall receive from any person, without the written permission of the mayor, any reward for the arrest of any thief, or for any recovery of any foods, money, compensation for damages sustained while in the discharge of his duties, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

SECTION 9.04. (Compensation). Except as herein otherwise provided, the compensation of the chief of police, patrolmen and other employees of the police department shall be fixed by the common council in the same manner as the compensations of other appointive city officers are fixed.